

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 10th day of March, A.D. 1925.

CHAPTER 242

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL COURT ACT, SECTIONS 1608 (f) AND 1608 (t), CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, VOLUME III, CHAPTER 216, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1923.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter two hundred and sixteen, section one of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, be and is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: Amendment.

"That in any county in the State in which there are situated two or more cities each of which has or may have in the future a population, according to any enumeration by the United States Census Bureau, of more than twenty thousand inhabitants, the commissioners of such county or counties are authorized hereby to establish general county courts as provided in said act without first submitting the question of establishing such court to a vote of the people: *Provided*, that the said enumeration need not be made at a regular decennial census." May establish county courts.

Not to be submitted to vote.

That in the event section one hereof is acted upon by the commissioners of any county in establishing a general county court, as is herein provided, the said commissioners may make such provisions for holding such courts in either or all of such cities.

SEC. 2. That chapter two hundred and sixteen, section seven of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, be and is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"The rules of procedure, issuing process and filing pleadings shall conform as nearly as may be to the practice in the Superior Courts. The process shall be returnable directly to the court, and may issue out of the court to any county in the State: *Provided*, that civil process in cases within the jurisdiction now exercised by justices of the peace shall not run outside of or beyond the county in which such court sits." Rules of procedure.

"That motions for the change of venue or removal of cases from the general county courts to the Superior Courts of counties other than the one in which the said court sits may be made Motions.
Venue.